

Member of the House to join me in honoring his service to our country.

#### MORE WAYS TO SAVE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Coach Ray Tanner and the talented players of the University of South Carolina Gamecocks for winning the College World Series of Baseball at Omaha, Nebraska.

When it comes to reducing Washington's out-of-control spending, Republicans continue to put forward "more ways to save." One such proposal is this week's YouCut bill introduced by Congressman PHIL GINGREY to save taxpayers \$1.2 billion in 10 years by prohibiting taxpayer funding for union activities. Federal employee unions are subsidized by hardworking taxpayers while they engage in lobbying and political activities. This costs the taxpayers over \$100 million a year. Americans should be alarmed about a \$13 trillion deficit. We should note the images of riots in Greece. What, I ask, will it take for real change to take place here?

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### WALL STREET REFORM

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on Congress to rein in Wall Street's abuses. We need to put in place commonsense rules of the road. For too long, Wall Street fat cats gambled with our future and ran our economy into the ditch. North Carolina families I hear from every day paid the price. Why? Because Wall Street's protectors looked the other way while abuses ran rampant. We've seen what that means to Main Street and rural America—8 million jobs lost, \$17 trillion in hard-earned family savings—savings for retirement, college, for home buying—all wiped out overnight.

Today, we have an opportunity to say "enough." But the same folks who said "no" to helping out-of-work Americans yesterday are trying to say "no" to reining in Wall Street abuses today. I call on my colleagues to put aside their differences and put America before Wall Street, and join me in supporting the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

#### TOO MUCH RHETORIC—TOO LITTLE ACTION

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, over a month ago, the administration prom-

ised to send 1,200 National Guard troops to the border. But the troops still aren't there. Now the White House is saying it'll be another month before there's a "steep ramp-up" of the troops—and they'll be there only 4 months. And there'll be a complete ramp-down by June of 2011. And they'll be unarmed National Guardsmen.

You see, the troops aren't actually going to the border. There will be unarmed guards guarding computers 50 miles north of the border. And there'll be 1,200 troops but they all won't be there at the same time. That's like saying a store is open 24 hours but just not 24 hours in a row. What kind of border security plan is that? There is no sense of urgency to stop the violence and the killing along the border. Too much rhetoric and too little action coming out of the White House. Like my grandfather used to say, there's more thunder than rain.

And that's just the way it is.

#### HERE WE GO AGAIN

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tell me it's not true. Republicans again are attacking Social Security. Yesterday, our minority leader indicated that he wanted sweeping cuts in Social Security. Sounds like déjà vu when the Republicans stood side-by-side saying "privatize Social Security." Can you believe that the Republicans are now standing with raising the age for retirees to get Social Security to age 70? Can you believe there will be a means test that you won't be able to get Social Security if you earn a certain amount? Can you believe they want to take this money to pay for the Iraq and Afghan war? Can you believe they're fighting Democrats to not extend unemployment benefits? Can you believe that they are fighting us from creating jobs, as Democrats are doing, giving opportunities to small businesses.

I really can't believe it, Mr. Speaker. Here we go again—cutting our seniors again, raising the Social Security means test as a way of saving money. What are we going to do? Fight back as Democrats and stand with our seniors.

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#### NO BUDGET? NO PROBLEM

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. You know, last week the House leader announced that Democrats will not craft a budget next year. Instead of going line by line to see what programs could be eliminated or reduced, they are ignoring the dire warnings of economists and continuing on their spending frenzy. No budget? No problem. Not enough

money? No problem. They'll just raise taxes on the middle class, breaking their promise not to raise taxes on families earning less than \$250,000.

They need to produce a budget and stop the out-of-control spending that has pushed our national debt past \$13 trillion. I don't know what's worse, failing to produce a budget or how the Democrats already have resigned to the fact they will raise taxes on middle class families to pay for their wasteful ways. Americans want, need, and deserve better. Make a budget, cut spending for our freedom and for our future.

#### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, for as long as I have been in Congress, I have worked on being a proponent of "bike partisanship," something that everybody ought to be able to agree on. That's why I have been appalled at the repeated attacks on cycling by the Republican leadership. The latest is for the second time, Republican Whip CANTOR has offered on the chopping block Safe Routes to School. You know, this is a program in 6800 schools across the country and has been requested by three times that number.

People know that children under 14, one-third of all their deaths occur when a car hits them when they're biking or walking. In my old grade school on a very busy street, these grants have reduced crashes by 25 percent and pedestrian injuries by 34 percent. This is a commonsense program supported by people regardless of their party. When children can bike or walk safely to school, we won't be worried about 300-pound morbidly obese 6th graders and a second rush hour as people take their kids to school. And then all our families will be safer, healthier and more economically secure.

#### PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HANDLING OF IMMIGRATION

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent NBC News survey found that over half of all Americans disapprove of how President Obama is handling the immigration issue; an overwhelming 73 percent support imposing new fines on businesses that hire illegal immigrants; 71 percent support increasing border security by building a fence along the border and training more Border Patrol agents.

So it's no surprise that Republicans are viewed more favorably when it comes to enforcing the border. In fact, their survey found that only 26 percent of registered voters are likely to vote for a Democratic candidate who opposes the Arizona immigration enforcement law. The American people are not